THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for raising additional battalions of the regular army. However, it is proposed to raise seven battalions of Territorial Army for deployment in the Northern Command in aid of army and other security forces in the J&K.

(c) and (d) Personnel of the army deployed in counter insurgency duties are entitled to a special allowance known as Special Compensatory (Counter Insurgency) Allowance (SCCIA).The allowance is in seven tiers ranging from Rs. 1000/- p.m. to Rs. 3700/- p.m. depending on the rank of personnel (Other Ranks to Lt. Colonel). The amount of allowance is in three grades determined by the hardship factor and intensity of operations in the area of deployment.

Induction of Agni Missile

†1407. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the types ot missiles which have been successfully tested so far under the Missile Programme of the country;

(b) the range of surface to surface Agni Missile successfully tested so far; and

(c) by when the Agni Missile will be handed over to Indian Army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) All the guided missiles being developed under Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) have gone through successful flight trials. Prithvi I has been completed and inducted. Prithvi II and Dhanush are in progress of induction in Army, Air Force and Navy respectively. Akash and Nag have gone through successful flight tests recently. Nag, anti tank missile, has been proved for day and night capability with advanced technology seeker. Agni and Brah Mos have been flight tested recently.

(b) Two versions of Agni Missile system *i.e.* Agni-I & II have been flight tested. Agni-I has a range of 700 km and Agni-ll has a range of 2000 km.

(c) Agni Missile system is under production and induction phase.

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